



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for MARCH 25, 2021, 2:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on March 25, 2021, 2:30 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Maroney, Grady, Azinger, Roberts, Rucker, Stover, Takubo, Weld, Woodrum, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings, Unger

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Grady, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

SB671 – Appointing Director of Office of Emergency Medical Services

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 671, along with Committee Substitute, appointing Director of Office of Emergency Medical Services. Counsel responded to questions from the Committee. Senator Grady moved to agree to the language of the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 671 explained by counsel. The Chairman put the question on the motion and it was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 671 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

Originating Bill No. 4 – State Hope and Recovery Act

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Originating Bill 4, State Hope and Recovery Act, and responded to questions from the Committee. Senator Stollings addressed the Committee in support of this bill. Senator Grady moved to agree to the language of the Originating Bill 4 explained by counsel. The Chairman put the question on the motion and it was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that Originating Bill 4 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

Originating Bill No. 3 – Relating to Physician Assistant Practice Act

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Originating Bill 3 relating to Physician Assistant Practice Act and responded to questions from the Committee.

Senator Stollings requested from the Chairman to allow Mark Spangler, Executive Director with the WV Board of Medicine, to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, the Chairman called on Mr. Spangler to answer questions and address the Committee regarding the bill. The Chairman also reminded Mr. Spangler that he is still under oath which was administered to him at an earlier appearance before the Committee this Legislative Session. Mr. Spangler responded to questions from Senators Stollings and Lindsay. Senator Takubo addressed the Committee in support of the bill and asked the Chairman if the Committee could hear from Chris Tipton, a Physician Assistant. With leave of the Committee, the Chairman called on Mr. Tipton to address the Committee. Mr. Tipton addressed the Committee and responded to questions. Senator Stollings then addressed the Committee in support of the bill.

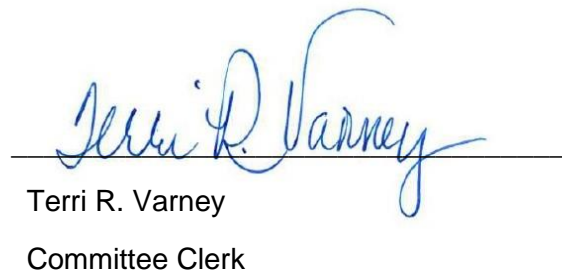
Senator Lindsay asked the Chairman if Senator Takubo would yield. Senator Takubo agrees. Senator Lindsay addressed Senator Takubo and thanked him for sponsoring this bill. Chairman Maroney then spoke in support of the bill.

Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved to agree to the language of Originating Bill 3 explained by counsel. The Chairman put the question on the motion and it was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that Originating Bill 3 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned on Motion of Senator Grady.



Michael J. Maroney
Chairman



Terri R. Varney
Committee Clerk